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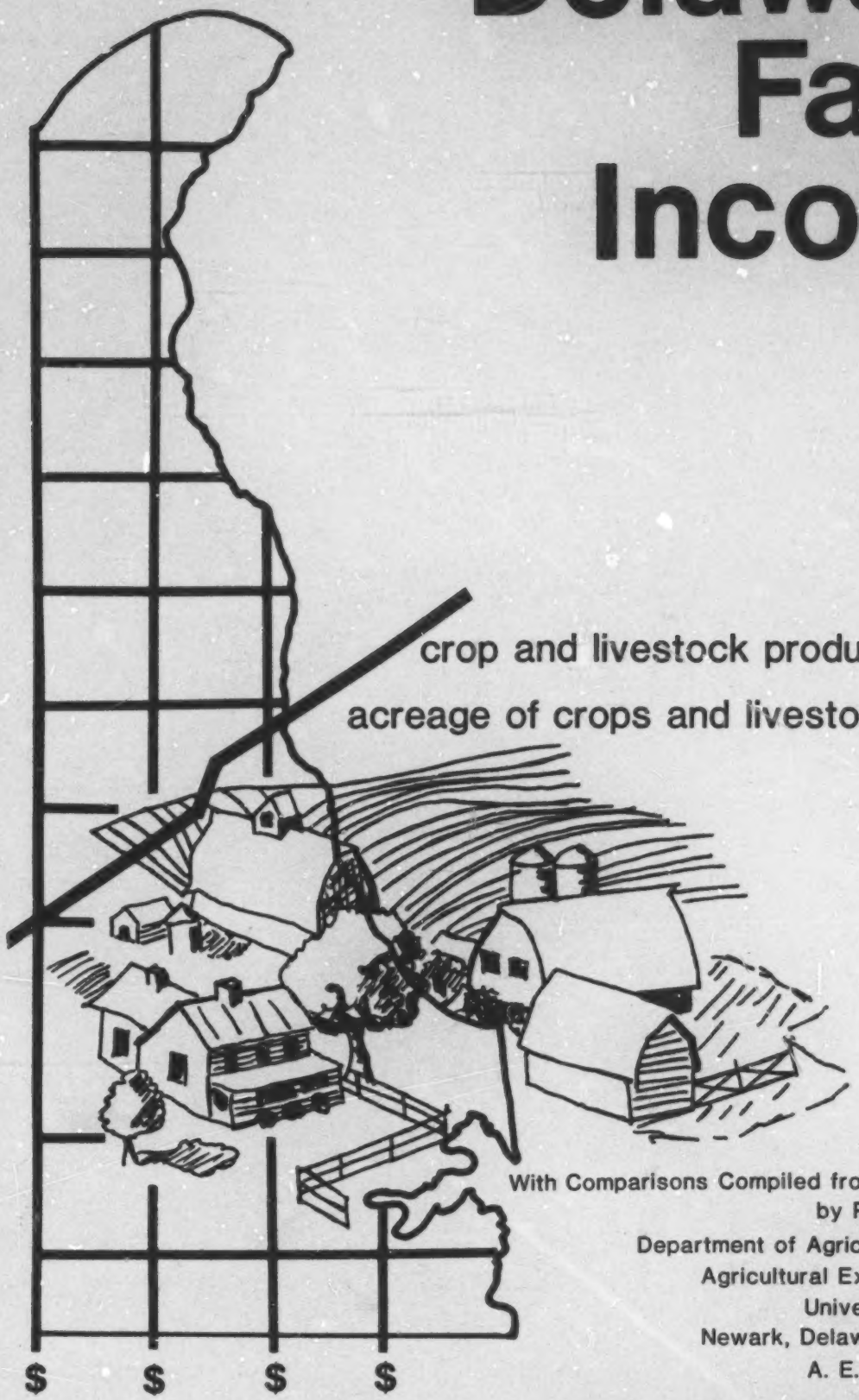

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DELAWARE'S FARM INCOME

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Acreage of Crops
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The Delaware agricultural statistics on the following pages are taken from publications of the United States Department of Agriculture. (Special thanks are extended to Mr. Bruce West of the Maryland-Delaware Crop Reporting Service for supplying much of the original data.) These data have been assembled and reproduced in this form to be supplied to individuals, firms and agencies interested in the State's agriculture.[1/]

Crops

Delaware's crops experienced a very hot, dry summer in 1983 which lowered the yield of many field crops. Soybeans were the only major crop with higher yields in 1983 than 1982.

Cash receipts for farm marketings of all crops totaled $139 million, a 20 percent increase over 1982. Soybeans, potatoes, greenhouse and nursery, mushrooms, corn and barley all had substantial income increases over 1982.

1/ Users of this publication should recognize that income data such as cash receipts and value of production for crops, livestock or livestock products represents gross, not net returns to agriculture. For most agricultural commodities, net returns could be found by subtracting costs from gross returns. Needless to say the determination of net returns to Delaware farmers would represent a difficult, time consuming and costly endeavor.

The price of potatoes in 1983 was more than double the 1982 level. Other crops with large price increases included corn, soybeans, hay and wheat. For most crops, the price increases more than offset the decrease in yields.

Livestock

Except for hogs, the income from all livestock and livestock products was higher in 1983 than in 1982. The cash income from broilers increased more than 25 million dollars. In 1983, livestock and livestock products accounted for 69.4 percent of the cash farm income from commodities.

Gross Income

Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled $455.1 million in 1983, a 12.6 percent increase over 1982. Receipts from crops were up 20.1 percent, while receipts from livestock showed a 9.6 percent increase.

Gross farm income in 1983 was $485.5 million, a 12.1 percent increase over 1982.

Farm Production Expenses

Farm production expenses increased by $6 million, a 1.8 percent increase over 1982. The cost of feed accounted for most of the increase in production expenses. The cost for fertilizer and lime continued the decrease begun in 1981.

Net Income

Gross income continued to increase more rapidly than farm production expenses so that net farm income reached an all time high of $148.1 million in 1983, a 45.48 percent increase over 1982.

Gross and Net Income Per Farm

Both gross and net income per farm hit an all time high in 1983. Gross income per farm averaged $138,718 in 1983, a 12.1 percent increase over 1982. Realized net income per farm averaged $42,316, a 45.4 percent increase over 1982.

Table 1. Commodities with Substantial Income Changes from 1982 to 1983.

Commodity	1982	1983	Change	
			Amount	Percent
Crops -				
Soybeans	35,542,000	49,839,000	14,297,000	40.2
Potatoes	7,200,000	11,075,000	3,875,000	53.8
Greenhouse & nursery	5,454,000	8,000,000	2,546,000	46.7
Mushrooms	3,554,000	4,903,000	1,349,000	38.0
Corn	32,585,000	33,933,000	1,348,000	4.1
Barley	2,493,000	3,636,000	1,143,000	45.8
Green peas	3,691,000	2,888,000	- 803,000	-21.8
Tomatoes	1,505,000	802,000	- 703,000	-46.7
Total All Crops -	115,941,000	139,249,000	23,308,000	20.1
Livestock and Products -				
Broilers	245,363,000	270,611,000	25,248,000	10.3
Eggs	9,669,000	11,261,000	1,592,000	16.5
Hogs	7,160,000	6,214,000	- 946,000	-13.2
Cattle & calves	2,615,000	3,544,000	929,000	35.5
Total All Livestock	288,275,000	315,875,000	27,600,000	9.6
Total All Commodities -	404,216,000	455,124,000	50,908,000	12.6

Table 2. Realized Gross and Net Income per Delaware Farm, Selected Years

Item	Year					Percentage change from 1982 to 1983
	1960	1970	1980	1982	1983	
Gross Income per Farm	21,966	39,613	104,495	123,775	138,718	12.1
Production Expenses per Farm	16,359	31,775	89,631	94,681	96,402	1.8
Net Income per Farm Before Inventory Adjustment	5,607	7,838	14,864	29,094	42,316	45.4
Changes in Farm Inventory	100	-928	-763	1,116	-768	--
Net Income per Farm After Inventory Adjustment	5,707	6,910	14,101	30,210	41,548	37.5

Table 3. Cash Receipts from Marketings and Government Payments by Counties and Commodities, 1983.

Commodity	State[1/]	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
	- - - - Dollars - - - -			
Crops -				
Soybeans	49,839,000	4,296,500	15,765,400	29,777,100
Corn	33,933,000	9,215,100	8,875,200	15,842,700
Potatoes	11,075,000	1,722,100	9,163,900	189,000
Greenhouse & nursery	8,000,000	4,265,000	950,500	2,884,500
Wheat	5,757,000	807,900	2,256,500	2,692,600
Mushrooms	4,903,000	4,903,000	--	--
Barley	3,636,000	284,400	1,694,500	1,657,100
Green peas	2,888,000	82,700	1,324,200	1,481,100
Forest products	1,800,000	90,000	459,600	1,250,400
Apples	1,558,000	--	1,020,900	537,100
Sweet corn	1,194,000	341,900	666,000	186,100
Hay	1,071,000	393,800	418,600	258,600
Tomatoes	802,000	149,300	335,300	317,400
Peaches	401,000	27,300	231,900	141,800
Rye	247,000	15,700	87,300	144,000
Other vegetables	11,755,000	1,126,600	6,017,400	4,611,000
Other fruit	350,000	61,200	109,400	179,400
Other field crops	40,000	5,500	15,100	19,400
Total -	139,249,000	27,788,000	49,291,700	62,169,300
Livestock & Products -				
Broilers	270,611,000	--	9,763,600	260,847,400
Dairy products	18,900,000	5,488,700	8,811,000	4,600,300
Eggs	11,261,000	1,842,100	2,996,400	6,422,500
Hogs	6,214,000	235,600	689,300	5,289,100
Cattle & calves	3,544,000	613,300	899,100	2,031,600
Turkeys	2,587,000	75,500	1,700	2,509,800
Farm chickens	945,000	82,700	159,100	703,200
Other	1,813,000	314,000	973,500	525,500
Total -	315,875,000	8,651,900	24,293,700	282,929,400
All commodities	455,124,000	36,439,900	73,585,400	345,098,700
Government payments	3,885,000	458,100	1,360,400	2,066,500
Total cash receipts	459,009,000	36,898,000	74,945,800	347,165,200

1/ Source: Maryland-Delaware Crop Reporting Service, Annapolis, MD.

Table 4. Percent of Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings and Government Payments by Counties and Commodities, 1983.

Commodity	State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
Crops -		- percent of total cash receipts -		
Soybeans	10.86	.94	3.43	6.49
Corn	7.39	2.01	1.93	3.45
Potatoes	2.41	.37	2.00	.04
Greenhouse & nursery	1.74	.93	.18	.63
Wheat	1.26	.18	.49	.59
Mushrooms	1.07	1.07	0	0
Barley	.79	.06	.37	.36
Green peas	.63	.02	.29	.32
Forest products	.39	.02	.10	.27
Apples	.34	0	.22	.12
Sweet corn	.26	.07	.15	.04
Hay	.23	.09	.09	.05
Tomatoes	.18	.03	.08	.07
Peaches	.09	.01	.05	.03
Rye	.05	*	.02	.03
Other vegetables	2.56	.25	1.31	1.00
Other fruit	.08	.01	.03	.04
Other field crops	.01	*	*	.01
Total -	30.34	6.06	10.74	13.54
Livestock & Products -				
Broilers	58.96	0	2.13	56.83
Dairy products	4.12	1.20	1.92	1.00
Eggs	2.45	.40	.65	1.40
Hogs	1.35	.05	.15	1.15
Cattle & calves	.77	.13	.20	.44
Turkeys	.56	.01	*	.55
Farm chickens	.21	.02	.03	.16
Other	.39	.07	.21	.11
Total -	68.81	1.88	5.29	61.64
All commodities	99.15	7.94	16.03	75.18
Government payments	.85	.10	.30	.45
Total cash receipts	100.00	8.04	16.33	75.63

* Less than .01.

Table 5. Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings and Government Payments by Counties and Commodities, 1982.

Commodity	State[1/]	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
Crops -				
Soybeans	35,542,000	4,254,100	8,699,000	22,588,900
Corn	32,585,000	10,115,700	8,862,400	13,606,900
Potatoes	7,200,000	1,119,500	5,957,600	122,900
Greenhouse & nursery	5,454,000	2,907,700	579,800	1,966,500
Wheat	6,202,000	886,200	2,429,400	2,886,400
Mushrooms	3,554,000	3,554,000	--	--
Barley	2,493,000	179,600	1,209,300	1,104,100
Green peas	3,691,000	105,700	1,692,300	1,893,000
Forest products	1,800,000	90,000	459,600	1,250,400
Apples	1,442,000	--	944,900	497,100
Sweet corn	1,194,000	341,900	666,000	186,100
Hay	864,000	317,700	337,700	208,600
Tomatoes	1,505,000	280,300	629,100	595,600
Peaches	366,000	24,900	211,700	129,400
Rye	303,000	19,200	107,100	176,700
Other vegetables	11,368,000	1,089,500	5,819,300	4,459,200
Other fruit	340,000	59,500	106,300	174,200
Other field crops	38,000	5,200	14,300	18,500
Total -	115,941,000	25,350,700	38,725,800	51,864,500
Livestock & Products -				
Broilers	245,363,000	--	8,852,700	236,510,300
Dairy products	18,765,000	5,449,500	8,748,100	4,567,400
Eggs	9,669,000	1,581,700	2,572,800	5,514,500
Hogs	7,160,000	271,500	794,200	6,094,300
Cattle & calves	2,615,000	452,600	663,400	1,499,000
Turkeys	2,037,000	59,400	1,400	1,976,200
Farm chickens	758,000	66,300	127,600	564,100
Other	1,908,000	330,500	1,024,500	553,000
Total -	288,275,000	8,211,500	22,784,700	257,278,800
All commodities	404,216,000	33,562,200	61,510,500	309,143,300
Government payments	712,000	84,000	249,300	378,700
Total cash receipts	404,928,000	33,646,200	61,759,800	309,522,000

1/ Source: Maryland-Delaware Crop Reporting Service, Annapolis, MD.

Table 6. Percent of Cash Receipts from Farm Marketings and Government Payments by Counties and Commodities, 1982.

Commodity	State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
	- percent of total cash receipts -			
Crops -				
Soybeans	8.78	1.05	2.15	5.58
Corn	8.05	2.50	2.19	3.36
Potatoes	1.78	.28	1.47	.03
Greenhouse & nursery	1.35	.72	.14	.49
Wheat	1.53	.22	.60	.71
Mushrooms	.88	.88	0	0
Barley	.62	.05	.30	.27
Green peas	.91	.02	.42	.47
Forest products	.44	.02	.11	.31
Apples	.36	0	.24	.12
Sweet corn	.29	.08	.16	.05
Hay	.21	.08	.08	.05
Tomatoes	.37	.07	.15	.15
Peaches	.09	.01	.05	.03
Rye	.07	*	.03	.04
Other vegetables	2.81	.27	1.44	1.10
Other fruit.	.08	.01	.03	.04
Other field crops	.01	*	*	.01
Total -	28.63	6.26	9.56	12.81
Livestock & Products -				
Broilers	60.59	0	2.18	58.41
Dairy products	4.63	1.34	2.16	1.13
Eggs	2.39	.39	.64	1.36
Hogs	1.77	.07	.20	1.50
Cattle & calves	.65	.11	.17	.37
Turkeys	.50	.01	*	.49
Farm chickens	.19	.02	.03	.14
Other	.47	.08	.25	.14
Total -	71.19	2.02	5.63	63.54
All commodities	99.82	8.28	15.19	76.35
Government payments	.18	.02	.06	.10
Total cash receipts	100.00	8.30	15.25	76.45

* Less than .01.

Table 7. Delaware: Realized Gross and Net Farm Income, 1980-1983[1/]

Item	1980	1981	1982	1983
		- million dollars -		
Realized gross farm income -				
Cash receipts from farm marketings.	339.2	391.9	404.2	455.1
Government payments	1.0	1.8	.7	3.9
Non-money income	22.2	24.0	24.0	23.2
Other farm income	3.4	4.2	4.3	3.3
Total -	365.7	421.8	433.2	485.5
Farm production expenses -				
Feed	94.8	96.2	88.3	99.2
Livestock	35.0	37.5	41.4	40.2
Seed	7.1	9.6	9.8	9.9
Fertilizer & lime	26.4	28.2	20.3	18.1
Repairs and operation of capital items	28.3	29.8	28.7	27.6
Hired labor	20.8	21.4	25.4	25.2
Miscellaneous	45.2	52.6	58.1	56.5
Depreciation	36.2	37.5	36.7	36.6
Taxes on farm property	2.3	1.3	1.3	1.4
Interest on farm mortgage debt.	12.1	14.5	16.3	17.0
Net rent to non-operator landlord	5.5	5.6	5.0	5.8
Total -	313.7	334.2	331.4	337.4
Net income before inventory adjustment	52.0	87.6	101.8	148.1
Net change in farm inventories	-2.7	6.2	3.9	-2.7
Net income after inventory adjustment	49.4	93.8	105.7	145.4

1/ Items may not add up to total because of rounding.

Table 8. Acreage Harvested, Yield per Acre, Production, Season Average Price and Value of Production of Delaware Crops, 1982-1984.

Crop	Year	Acres Harvested	Unit	Yield per Acre	Production	Season Average Price	Value of Production
		1,000			1,000	dollars	$1,000
Corn for grain	1982	177	bu.	102	18,054	2.56	46,218
	1983	145	bu.	75	10,875	3.76	40,890
	1984	150	bu.	110	16,500	3.00	49,500
Corn silage	1982	10	tons	15	150	24.50	1,838
	1983	8	tons	14	112	26.50	1,855
	1984	8	tons	16	128		
Soybeans	1982	270	bu.	24	6,480	5.65	36,612
	1983	250	bu.	29	7,250	7.86	56,895
	1984	250	bu.	24	6,000	6.05	36.300
Wheat	1982	58	bu.	40	2,320	3.00	6,960
	1983	54	bu.	39	2,160	3.41	7,181
	1984	49	bu.	41	2,009	3.30	6,630
Barley	1982	38	bu.	57	2,166	1.80	5,684
	1983	53	bu.	55	2,915	1.95	5,684
	1984	50	bu.	55	2,750	2.20	6,050
Rye	1982	4	bu.	34	136	3.10	422
	1983	4	bu.	34	136	2.52	343
	1984	4	bu.	31	124	2.10	260
Hay	1982	19	tons	2.63	50	90.00	4,500
	1983	20	tons	2.50	50	107.00	5,350
	1984	21	tons	2.67	56	99.00	5,544
Potatoes	1982	5.4	cwt.	290	1,566	4.80	7,517
	1983	5.4	cwt.	185	999	10.70	10,689
	1984	5.5	cwt.	230	1,265	11.20	14,168
Apples	1982		lb.		14,500	9.8	1,423
	1983		lb.		13,500	11.6	1,571
Peaches	1982		lb.		1,700	21.5	366
	1983		lb.		2,000	20.1	402

Table 9. Acreage Harvested, Yield per Acre and Production of Delaware Vegetable and Melon Crops, 1984.

Crop	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production
	acres	tons	tons
Processing -			
Cucumbers	1,500	4.71	7,060
Green peas	11,500	1.40	16,100
Lima beans	10,300	.83	8,550
Sweet corn	5,000	5.71	28,550
Sweet peppers	100	3.80	380
Tomatoes	820	18.09	14,830
	acres	cwt.	cwt.
Fresh Market -			
Asparagus	120	9.83	1,180
Broccoli	30	44.00	1,320
Cabbage	550	238.00	130,900
Cantaloupes	170	116.00	19,720
Cauliflower	50	120.00	6,000
Cucumbers	170	160.00	27,200
Green peas	10	31.00	310
Lima beans	20	100.00	2,000
Potatoes	5,500	225.09	1,238,000
Spinach	190	62.00	11,780
Sweet corn	1,460	95.00	138,700
Sweet peppers	20	82.00	1,640
Tomatoes	30	185.00	5,550
Turnips	20	90.00	1,800
Watermelons	1,090	284.00	309,560

Table 10. Crops: Harvested Acres, Yield and Production by Counties, 1982 and 1983.

Crop		Harvested Acres		Yield per Acre		Production	
		1982	1983	1982	1983	1982	1983
		acres		bushels		bushels	
Corn for grain	State	182,000	148,000	102.0	75.0	18,564,000	11,100,000
	N.Castle	55,000	44,200	104.8	68.0	5,763,000	3,014,000
	Kent	51,000	38,200	99.0	76.0	5,049,000	2,903,200
	Sussex	76,000	65,600	102.0	79.0	7,752,000	5,182,400
Soybeans	State	270,000	245,000	24.0	29.0	6,480,000	7,105,000
	N.Castle	27,700	24,500	28.0	25.0	775,600	612,500
	Kent	79,300	72,500	20.0	31.0	1,586,000	2,247,500
	Sussex	163,000	148,000	25.0	28.7	4,118,400	4,245,000
Wheat	State	49,000	44,000	42.0	39.0	2,057,600	1,716,000
	N.Castle	7,000	5,600	42.0	43.0	294,000	240,800
	Kent	19,200	17,700	42.0	38.0	806,000	672,600
	Sussex	22,800	20,700	42.0	38.8	957,600	802,600
Barley	State	38,000	53,000	57.0	55.0	2,166,000	2,915,000
	N.Castle	2,600	4,000	60.0	57.0	156,000	228,000
	Kent	17,300	24,700	60.7	55.0	1,050,700	1,358,500
	Sussex	18,100	24,300	53.0	54.7	959,300	1,328,500
Corn Silage	State	5,000	5,000	15.0	14.0	75,000	70,000
	N.Castle	1,600	2,000	14.4	13.0	23,000	26,000
	Kent	1,200	2,300	14.0	14.6	16,800	33,500
	Sussex	2,200	700	16.0	15.0	35,200	10,500

Table 11. Inventory of Livestock on Farms

Item	1975	1980	1983	1984
All cattle and calves:				
Number, January 1	33,000	30,000	36,000	30,000
Value per head	$250	$675	$585	$605
Milk cows:				
Number, January 1	13,000	11,000	10,000	10,000
Value per head	$453	$1,260	$1,050	$950
	1974	1979	1982	1983
Hogs and Pigs:				
Number, December 1	50,000	50,000	33,000	40,000
Value per head	$74.00	$51.50	$89.50	$62.50

Table 12. Sows Farrowed, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop, 1975-1984

Item	Unit	1975	1980	1983	1984
Sows farrowed	1,000 head	12.4	11.0	9.5	8.4
Pigs per litter	No.	7.2	7.0	7.4	7.4
Pig crop	1,000 head	89	78	70	62

Table 13. Farm Production by County and Commodity, 1983.

Commodity	Unit	Production			
		State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
Crops -					
Corn for grain	bu.	11,100,000	3,014,400	2,903,200	5,182,400
Soybeans	bu.	7,105,000	612,500	2,247,500	4,245,000
Wheat	bu.	1,716,000	240,800	672,600	802,600
Barley	bu.	2,915,000	228,000	1,358,500	1,328,500
Rye	bu.	136,000	8,600	48,100	79,300
Potatoes	cwt.	999,000	155,300	826,600	17,100
Hay	tons	50,000	18,400	19,500	12,100
Mushrooms	lbs.	7,289,000	7,289,000	--	--
Apples	cwt.	13,500	--	8,850	4,650
Peaches	cwt.	2,000	100	1,200	700
Vegetables - Fresh Market					
Asparagus	cwt.	1,980	--	1,800	180
Lima beans	cwt.	2,810	320	600	1,890
Cabbage	cwt.	119,130	13,200	104,370	1,560
Cantaloupes	cwt.	22,910	3,600	1,390	17,920
Cauliflower	cwt.	6,070	2,300	2,200	1,570
Cucumbers	cwt.	25,830	--	22,950	2,880
Green peas	cwt.	2,470	770	--	1,700
Sweet peppers	cwt.	3,620	380	930	2,310
Spinach	cwt.	15,800	11,000	4,800	--
Sweet corn	cwt.	113,540	7,200	79,200	27,140
Turnips	cwt.	720	--	--	720
Watermelons	cwt.	219,930	2,530	9,720	207,680
Tomatoes	cwt.	5,850	--	--	5,850
Vegetables - Processing					
Sweet corn	tons	18,320	5,250	10,220	2,850
Green peas	tons	13,820	390	6,340	7,090
Tomatoes	tons	11,220	2,090	4,690	4,440
Lima beans	tons	10,740	180	3,930	6,630
Cucumbers	tons	8,240	1,490	6,080	670
Sweet peppers	tons	510	--	510	--
Spinach	tons	400	--	400	--
Carrots	tons	130	--	130	--
Livestock & Products					
Broilers	lbs.	872,938,000	--	31,495,600	841,442,400
Milk	cwt.	1,370,000	397,900	638,700	333,400
Cattle & calves	cwt.	34,350	5,950	8,710	19,690
Hogs and pigs	cwt.	132,150	5,010	14,660	112,480
Eggs	doz.	11,833,300	1,935,700	3,148,700	6,748,900
Chickens	cwt.	72,150	6,320	12,140	53,690
Turkeys	cwt.	58,800	1,700	--	57,100

DELAWARE: Highlights from Census of Agriculture, 1964-1982

Item	Unit	1964	1969	1974	1978	1982
Farms	No.	4,401	3,710	3,400	3,398	3,338
Land in farms	A.	717,013	673,895	630,605	669,646	655,465
Av. size of farm . .	A.	163	182	185	197	196
Approx. land area . .	A.	1,265,920	1,268,416	1,268,416	1,268,480	1,236,704
Proportion in farms	%	56.6	53.1	49.7	52.8	53.0
Value of land & bldgs.:						
Av. per farm . . .	$	53,443	90,632	180,023	283,593	344,843
Av. per acre . . .	$	322	499	971	1,493	1,829
Total cropland . . .	A.	500,329	505,356	485,727	529,651	521,104
Harvested cropland . .	A.	418,538	422,984	451,752	496,756	499,986
Harvested cropland as a percent of:						
Total cropland . .	%	83.7	83.7	93.0	93.8	95.9
Land in farms . . .	%	58.4	62.8	71.6	74.2	76.3
Farms by acres harvested:						
Under 100 acres . .	No.	2,373	1,935	1,710	1,666	1,632
100 to 199 acres . .	No.	690	528	472	454	424
200 to 499 acres . .	No.	486	423	396	438	379
500 to 999 acres . .	No.	71	131	154	175	170
1,000 acres or more	No.	26	35	60	73	95
Irrigated land	A.	17,542	20,421	19,879	33,725	44,168
Farm operators by ownership:						
Full owners	No.	2,581	2,289	2,088	1,922	1,951
Part owners	No.	1,124	957	904	1,079	996
Tenants	No.	665	464	408	397	391
Farm operators by age:						
Average age	Yrs.	51.3	50.9	51.9	50.1	50.6
65 years & over . .	No.	804	638	621	512	586
Operators by principal occupation:						
Farming	No.			2,189	2,004	1,956
Other	No.			1,124	1,394	1,382